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With better weather this week, farmers made good harvest progress, with 90 per cent of the crop harvested, up from 76 per cent last week and just behind the five year average of 91 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The southwest is furthest along at 99 per cent complete. The northeast is least advanced with 73 per cent combined. Winter wheat, fall rye, durum, pea, lentil, chickpea, and mustard crops are all more than 95 per cent combined. Overall, the crop is expected to be below average for quality.

Eighty-six per cent of the spring wheat has been harvested. Of that total, reporters estimate that 17 per cent will grade 1 CW, 25 per cent 2 CW, 42 per cent 3 CW, and 16 per cent Canada Feed. The 10-year crop report average is 53 per cent 1 CW, 20 per cent 2 CW, 15 per cent 3 CW, and 12 per cent Canada Feed.

Wind, weathering due to moisture, and water fowl caused the majority of the crop damage during the past week. Soft fields continue to cause harvesting delays in the northern grainbelt.

Fall work is well underway, including straw baling, hauling bales, fertilizer and chemical applications, harrowing, picking rocks, fixing fence, and moving livestock.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at October 16, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Harvested		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 1999-03
Winter wheat	1	1	0	99	99	100
Spring wheat	11	8	4	86	90	92
Durum	3	7	3	96	88	93
Oats	12	14	7	86	79	n.a.
Barley	9	5	3	90	93	n.a.
Fall rye	1	0	0	99	95	n.a.
Triticale	10	2	0	89	76	n.a.
Flax	12	26	n.a.	79	46	n.a.
Canola	7	14	8	92	86	89
Mustard	3	5	3	96	93	95
Sunflowers	2	2	n.a.	7	41	n.a.
Lentils	2	1	1	97	99	94
Peas	2	2	1	98	97	96
Canary seed	19	15	8	77	79	83
Chickpeas	2	7	3	96	71	n.a.
Total	**8**	**9**	**4**	**90**	**88**	**91**

Sask. harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	86	63
Durum	96	90
Oats	86	63
Barley	90	72
Fall rye	99	99
Triticale	89	80
Flax	79	59
Canola	92	80
Mustard	96	90
Sunflowers	7	1
Lentils	97	95
Peas	98	96
Canary seed	77	58
Chickpeas	96	84
Total	**90**	**76**

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1 Year Ago

Approximately 88% of the 2004 crop had been harvested. The west central region was furthest advanced, the southeast, the least advanced.

Wind and frost caused the majority of the crop damage.

Southern and west central areas received snow.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	97
Durum	99	98
Oats	98	92
Barley	99	99
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	93	84
Canola	99	98
Mustard	100	99
Sunflowers	12	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	97	91
Chickpeas	100	99
Total	98	96

The south eastern region was damp and cool on the eastern side and sunny and milder on the western side. An average of 7 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average high of 20 mm reported in CD 1a. Wind damage was reported in CDs 1, 2a, and 3ase. Frost damage was reported in CDs 2b and 3ase. Concerns were also expressed about bleaching and dampness.

Ninety-eight per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined, with a further 1% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Flax and sunflowers are the main crops left to harvest. Precipitation in CD 1 stopped harvest there for most of the week.

Almost all of the spring wheat has been harvested in the southeast. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 96% in CD 3ase to 62% in CD 1b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved from last week, with 61% of reporters rating moisture as adequate compared to 54% last week. On hay and pasture land, conditions were similar to last week with 51% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. There were water shortages reported in CD 3ase and some livestock owners were having to haul water and refill dugouts.

Migrating waterfowl were damaging crops in CD 2b. There were bugs found in binned grain in CD 3ase.

Farmers applied fertilizer, harrowed, baled straw, hauled bales, sprayed weeds, and burned flax straw. Cattle were being brought home from summer pastures and put on stubble fields. Fall crops were emerging in good shape.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	97
Durum	99	97
Oats	99	97
Barley	99	98
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	82
Flax	94	69
Canola	99	99
Mustard	99	99
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	100	99
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	95	71
Chickpeas	98	81
Total	99	97

The southwest had generally good fall weather during the past week. Only one crop reporter recorded precipitation last week and that amount was less than ½ mm. Damage from wind was reported in CDs 3asw and 3b. Drought damage was reported in CD 3asw.

Ninety-nine per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined, and a further 1% is lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Sunflowers and flax are pretty much all that remains to be harvested.

Almost all of the spring wheat has been harvested in the southwest. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 93% in CD 3asw to 68% in CD 3bn.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried last week, with 57% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 71% the previous week. Conditions on hay and pasture land were also drier than last week with 47% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 60% last week. CD 3asw is getting very dry and there was dust blowing last week.

Water fowl and wild game damaged crops in CD 3bn.

Farmers applied chemicals, dried grains, picked rocks, hauled bales, cut slough hay, hauled grain and harrowed. Cattle were coming home from the pasture and calves were being marketed. Fall crops were off to a good start.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region had cool, damp mornings and generally sunny and mild afternoons. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported, with the only significant amounts falling in the Tantallon –

East central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	97
Spring wheat	92	70
Durum	94	79
Oats	93	69
Barley	96	84
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	93	89
Flax	75	39
Canola	97	89
Mustard	97	81
Sunflowers	3	3
Lentils	99	98
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	80	50
Chickpeas	98	94
Total	94	79

Langenburg areas. Wind damage was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Reporters also expressed concerns about sprouting.

Ninety-four per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined, and a further 5% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Flax and sunflowers comprise the majority of the crops still to be harvested. Some grain was harvested tough and grain dryers were busy.

Ninety-two per cent of the east central spring wheat has been harvested. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 25% in CD 5b to 47% in CD 5a.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried slightly during the past week, with 4% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared to 13% last week. Conditions on hay and pasture land also dried slightly with 2% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 9% last week.

Migrating birds damaged crops in CDs 5a and 6a.

Farmers applied fertilizer and chemicals, burned flax straw, baled straw, hauled bales, and cultivated. Cattle came home from the community pastures. Fall crops were looking good.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central harvesting progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	82	45
Durum	80	54
Oats	75	40
Barley	86	62
Fall rye	100	96
Triticale	62	62
Flax	38	13
Canola	91	77
Mustard	81	70
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	92	85
Peas	97	97
Canary seed	49	25
Chickpeas	72	72
Total	84	60

The west central region had a good harvest week, although with frosts and dews it was often not possible to get into the fields until early afternoon. No measurable amounts of precipitation were recorded. Frost damage was reported across the region. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. Reporters expressed concerns about bleaching, staining, mold, mildew, and lodging.

Eighty-four per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined, with a further 13% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops less than 75% complete include oats, triticale, flax, and canary seed. Much of the grain was harvested damp.

Eighty-two per cent of the west central spring wheat has been harvested. Reporters estimated the 1 and 2 CW grades of the spring wheat as ranging from 46% in CD 7a to 20% in CD 7b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land dried during the past week. Twenty-four per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 39% last week. Conditions also dried on hay and pasture land with 10% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 19% last week. Some farmers were still getting stuck in soft fields.

Water fowl and wild game damaged crops in CD 7a. Deer were causing some problems in CD 6b as they were defecating in swaths.

Farmers hauled bales, baled irrigated hay, sprayed for winter annuals, and baled straw. Calves were weaned and sold.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The northeast had a decent harvest week though frosts and dews slowed progress somewhat. An average of only ½ mm of precipitation was reported. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CD 8. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting and lodging.

Seventy-three per cent of the

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	92
Spring wheat	66	37
Durum	76	43
Oats	66	38
Barley	73	48
Fall rye	97	89
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	20	3
Canola	83	67
Mustard	90	76
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	88
Peas	98	98
Canary seed	48	36
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	73	51

2005 north eastern crop has been combined, with a further 22% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Crops that are at least 80% harvested include winter wheat, canola, mustard, fall rye, peas, and lentils. Grain was harvested tough, and was dried, aerated, or piled on the ground.

Almost two-thirds of the spring wheat has been harvested in the northeast. Reporters estimated the grades of the spring wheat as follows: 1 and 2 CW – ranges from 10% in CD 8a to 8% in CD 9ae.

Topsoil moisture conditions dried this past week, with 61% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 71% last week. Conditions also improved on hay and pasture land with 32% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to 39% last week. Machinery was still getting stuck in soft fields.

Migrating ducks and geese and wild game caused damage in CDs 8b and 9ae.

Farmers hauled bales, baled straw, and harrowed.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	71	23
Durum	85	n/a
Oats	71	19
Barley	79	33
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	100	n/a
Flax	35	10
Canola	86	50
Mustard	75	n/a
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	n/a	n/a
Peas	98	86
Canary seed	50	50
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	78	38

The north western region had generally good harvest weather with moisture mainly coming in the form of morning fogs and dews. Wind damage, including scattering of swaths, was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CD 9b. Farmers expressed concerns about sprouting and lodging.

Seventy-eight per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined, with a further 19% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. This region had the highest harvest progress compared to the previous week. Crops that are at least 75% harvested include fall rye, durum, barley, triticale, canola, mustard, and peas. Much of the grain came off tough.

Seventy-one per cent of the spring wheat has been harvested in the northwest. Reporters estimated the grades of the spring wheat as follows: 1 and 2 CW – ranges from 25% in CD 9aw to 19% in CD 9b.

Topsoil moisture on crop land was reported as surplus by 26% of reporters, compared with 42% last week. Hay and pasture land was similar to last week with 87% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate. Some fields are still too wet to take machinery.

Geese and ducks damaged crops across the region. There was more sawfly damage in some areas of CD 9b than first thought. There was grasshopper damage on all fall-seeded crops.

Cattle were coming out of community pastures.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending October 15, 2005

Crop Dist.	Municipality No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	18	391
	2	Mount Pleasant	12	381
	3 B	Enniskillen	25	421
	34	Browning	24	375
	35	Benson	18	413
	64	Brock	27	399
	65	Tecumseh	15	405
1B	92	Walpole	22	310
	94	Hazelwood	19	371
	123	Silverwood	15	422
	124	Kingsley	15	398
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	452
	151 B	Rocanville	17	434
	153	Willowdale	14	337
	154	Elcapo	8	318
	155	Wolseley	TR	416
2A	68	Brokenshell	NIL	282
	96	Fillmore	TR	371
	97	Wellington	TR	340
	99	Caledonia	NIL	360
2B	126	Montmartre	NIL	335
	127	Francis	NIL	427
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	255
	131	Baildon	NIL	364
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	481
	156 B	Indian Head	TR	417
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	457
	158	Edenwold	NIL	301
	160	Pense	NIL	223
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	305
	191	Marquis	NIL	314
3ASE	8	Lake Alma	NIL	293
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	343
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	288
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	264
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	260
	12	Poplar Valley	NIL	189
	40	Bengough	NIL	276
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	269
	43 A	Old Post	NIL	256
	43 B	Old Post	0	233
	44	Waverley	NIL	293
	70	Key West	NIL	263
	71 A	Excel	NIL	242
	71 B	Excel	NIL	189
	71 C	Excel	NIL	197
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	258
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	281
3AN	101 B	Terrell	NIL	286
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	281
	103	Sutton	NIL	231
	132	Hillsborough	NIL	212
	134	Shamrock	NIL	332
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	315
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	NIL	195
	45	Mankota	NIL	198
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	166
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	201
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	160
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	259
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	180
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	259
	105	Glenbain	NIL	343
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	210
	108	Bone Creek	NIL	286
3BN	135	Lawtonia	NIL	326
	136	Coulee	NIL	316
	137	Swift Current	NIL	201
	138	Webb	NIL	270
	166	Excelsior	NIL	312
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	315
	225	Canaan	NIL	358
	226	Victory	NIL	381
	228 B	Lacadena	NIL	346
	255	Coteau	NIL	470
	257	Monet	NIL	342
4A	49 B	White Valley	NIL	356
	51	Reno	NIL	208
	109 B	Carmichael	NIL	375
	110	Pinpot	NIL	343
	111 A	Maple Creek	NIL	370
4B	139	Gull Lake	NIL	281
	141	Big Stick	NIL	339
	142	Enterprise	NIL	362
	171	Fox Valley	NIL	323
	229	Miry Creek	NIL	271
	231	Happyland	NIL	433
	232	Deer Forks	NIL	374
5A	152	Spy Hill	16	320
	181	Langenburg	12	332
	184 C	Grayson	2	387
	185	Mcleod	NIL	461
	186	Abernethy	NIL	364
	187	North Qu'appelle	NIL	324
	211	Churchbridge	NIL	386
	213	Saltcoats	NIL	367
	241	Calder	NIL	554
	243	Wallace	NIL	431
	245 B	Garry	TR	411
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	TR	470
	247	Kellross	NIL	471
	248	Touchwood	NIL	330
5B	271	Cote	NIL	428
	277	Emerald	NIL	380
	303	Keys	NIL	414
	304	Buchanan	NIL	267
	307	Elfros	NIL	403
	308	Big Quill	NIL	447
	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	437
	336	Sasman	NIL	369
	337	Lakeview	1	387
	338	Lakeside	NIL	372
	366 A	Kelvington	TR	408
	366 B	Kelvington	1	415
6A	189	Lumsden	NIL	371
	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	336
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	293
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	296
	220	Mckillop	NIL	345
	221	Sarnia	TR	358
	222	Craik	NIL	365
	251	Big Arm	NIL	477
	252	Arm River	NIL	339
	279 A	Mount Hope	NIL	350
	279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	474
	280	Wreford	NIL	377
	282	Mccraney	NIL	412
	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	353
	310	Usborne	TR	467
	312	Morris	NIL	364
	313	Lost River	NIL	350
	339 A	Leroy	1	353
	339 B	Leroy	TR	357
	340 A	Wolverine	NIL	410
	341	Viscount	NIL	347
	343	Blucher	NIL	345
6B	254	Loreburn	NIL	403
	283	Rosedale	NIL	470
	284	Rudy	NIL	484
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	474
	286	Milden	NIL	386
	344	Corman Park	NIL	367
	345	Vanscoy	NIL	468
	346	Perdue	NIL	445
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	442
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	450
	403	Rosthern	NIL	394
	404	Laird	NIL	344
7A	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	369
	260	Newcombe	NIL	311
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	427
	290	Kindersley	NIL	350
	292	Milton	NIL	415
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	468
	317 C	Marriott	NIL	376
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	403
	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	476
	319	Winslow	NIL	390
	320	Oakdale	NIL	460
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	450
	322	Antelope Park	NIL	427
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	424
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	316
	351	Progress	NIL	469
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	630
	377 A	Glenside	TR	458
	377 B	Glenside	NIL	458
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	433
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	406
	379	Reford	NIL	406
	380 A	Tramping Lake	NIL	371
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	632
	409	Buffalo	NIL	409
	410	Round Valley	NIL	477
8A	395	Porcupine	2	559
	397	Barrier Valley	1	548
	398	Pleasantdale	NIL	600
	428	Star City	TR	599
	456	Arborfield	2	584
	457 A	Connaught	4	458
	458	Willow Creek	NIL	410
	486	Moose Range	1	418
	487	Nipawin	NIL	398
8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	485
	370	Humboldt	NIL	480
	371	Bayne	NIL	383
	372	Grant	NIL	390
	373 B	Aberdeen	NIL	309
	399	Lake Lenore	TR	515
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	424
	429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL	483
	430	Invergordon	1	362
	431 A	St. Louis	1	404
	459	Kinistino	NIL	403
9AE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	461
	488	Torch River	NIL	527
	520 B	Paddockwood	NIL	371
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	413
	435	Redberry	NIL	384
	436	Douglas	NIL	323
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	447
	464	Leask	NIL	437
	466	Meeting Lake	NIL	441
	467	Round Hill	NIL	416
	494	Canwood	NIL	374
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	406
9B	438 A	Battle River	NIL	508
	438 B	Battle River	TR	389
	442	Manitou Lake	1	495
	468 A	Meota	TR	475
	472	Wilton	NIL	552
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	372
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	373
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	TR	441
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	393
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	431
	502	Britannia	NIL	489
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	501
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	510
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	562
	622	Beaver River	NIL	436

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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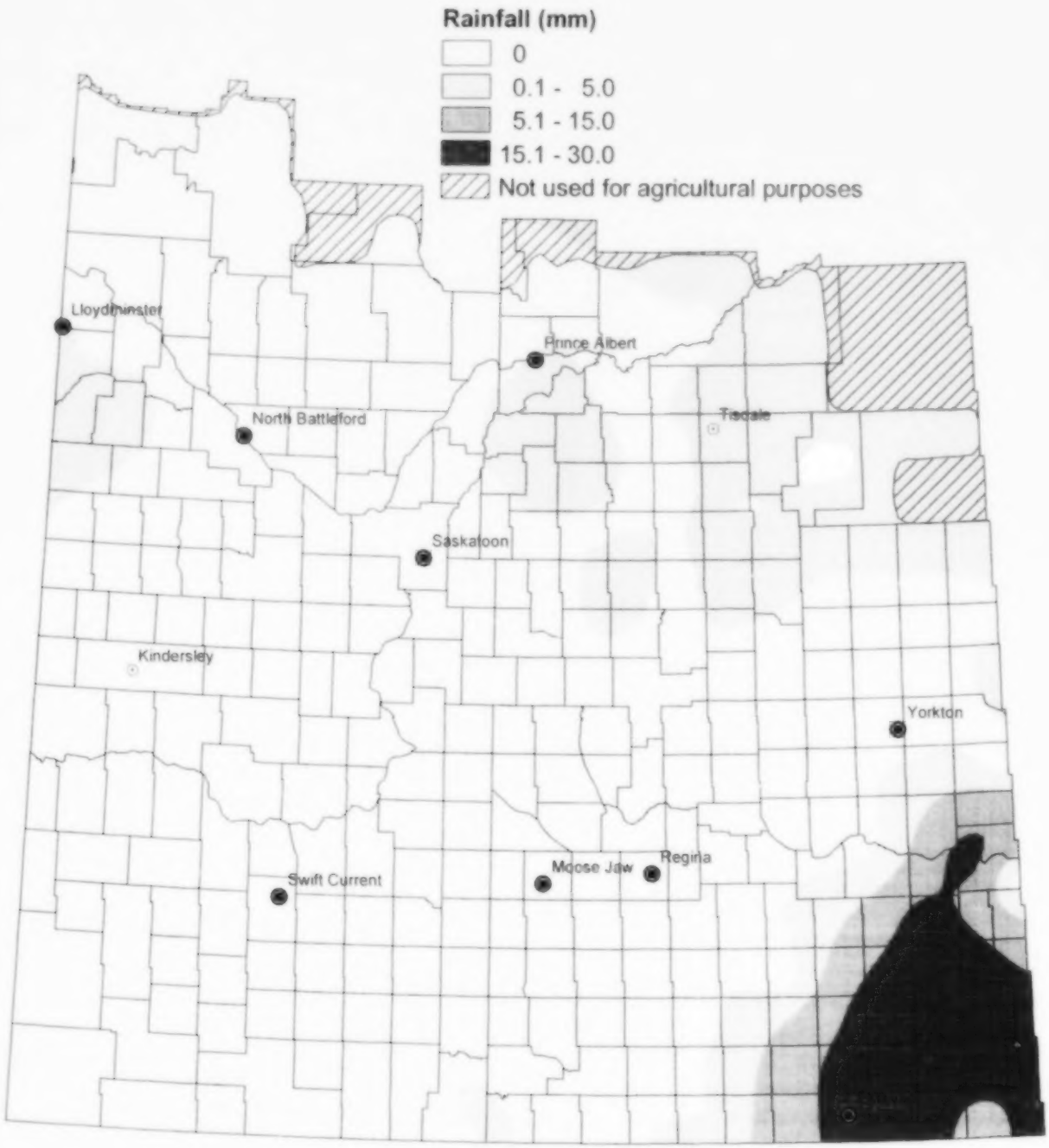
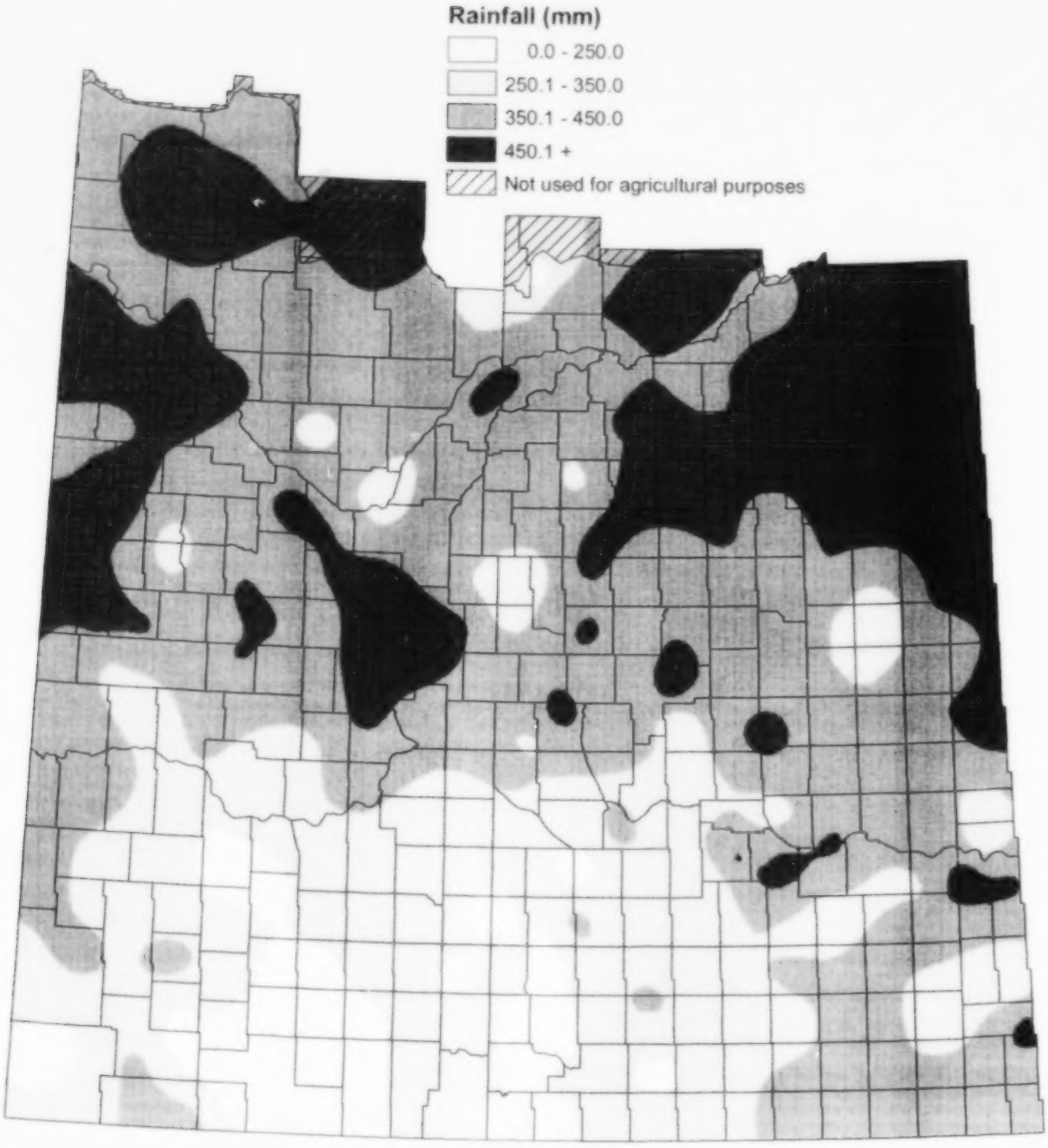
Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall
for the week ending October 15, 2005



Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2005
To: October 15, 2005



Crop Districts
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Rural Municipalities